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MEMORANDUM FOR : D/M/OSA

SUBJECT : Possible Move of Lockheed's U-2C Facility

1. On 20 February Kelly Johnson called to seek Headquarters' approval to move the U-2C overhaul/IRAN facility from Van Nuys to Palmdale. He would move the U-2C people from Van Nuys to Burbank and consolidate them with the U-2R people there if Headquarters approves the foregoing. According to Kelly, Lockheed requires all the space they can get at Van Nuys for the helicopter production program recently approved for the Army.
2. To effect economies Kelly would plan to use the existing Palmdale mod facility and people where appropriate for the U-2C if moved there. (I am not certain if Kelly means the SR-71 mod center at Palmdale).
3. In view of the many ramifications relating to both Agency and SAC U-2C programs, suggest that the D/M look into the foregoing in close coordination with OSA/Security, Ops, R&D, Contracts, and Comptroller. Also as appropriate it would be a good idea to cut in AFRDR and the SAC U-2C SPO. However, I believe OSA should have an in-house position before dealing with the Air Force on this matter.
4. Kelly did not give me any good reason why the U-2C could not be moved to Burbank. This may be an alternate approach to the Palmdale move, and it may be necessary to do this if security considerations override any move to Palmdale.

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